

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 15-17, 20-25, and 28-31 are pending and rejected. See *Advisory Action II*, Box 7. Claims 32-37 are new and are fully supported by the specification.

Amendment of the Independent Claims

The Applicants have amended the independent claims to reflect, *inter alia*, that "one or more *device configuration* settings may be configured via a user interface over a network connection, *wherein the network connection comprises an Internet connection.*"

The Applicants believe this language distinguishes the present application from Logan et al. and all other cited references of record.

The Applicants note that the 'device configuration' language has been introduced in place of the previously recited time-shifted viewing settings language. The Applicants previously argued that Logan's 'variable delay interval' referenced by the Examiner was a time interval at which recorded program signals are displayed versus the time they are recorded. That is, if a program was recorded at 6.00 but is not played back until 6.15, then the 'variable delay interval' is 15 minutes. The Applicants argued this was more akin to playback control (*e.g.*, a snooze timer) and not the claimed 'time-shifted viewing settings.' The Examiner, however, maintained the rejection. See *Advisory Action I* and *II*.

The Applicants believe the present language (device configuration settings) more clearly distinguishes from Logan in that embodiments of the presently claimed invention “may be used to automatically set the configuration of the system.” *Specification*, 5 (3.11 Network-Controlled Configurability). For example, “the present invention can set parameters such as record timers, video quality settings, channel tuning, and so forth.” *Specification*, 5 (3.11 Network-Controlled Configurability). Some of these exemplary configuration settings are recited in the new dependent claims.

The Applicants have also amended the claims to reflect that control of these settings occurs via a user interface and over a network—*that network including an Internet connection*. For example, a user may control various device settings at a computing device coupled to a recording device via an Internet connection. As such, a user could control certain operations of their recording device (located at home) while the user is physically present at their office or on vacation. Such functionality may prove useful when the user is unable to physically reconfigure their device in-person (*e.g.*, standing in front of the device utilizing a remote control).

Forthcoming Supplemental Amendment

The Applicants will (in short order) be submitting a substitute specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The substitute specification will NOT include any new matter but will better correspond to 37 C.F.R. § 1.77 with respect to arrangement of the application elements. The Applicants would hope to submit the same in short order and would respectfully request that the Examiner delay any action until receipt of the same. The substitute specification may be submitted with additional new dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly distinguish the presently claimed invention from Logan et al., Mankovitz, and Yuen et al.—either individually or in combination. The aforementioned references fail to disclose (at the least) 'one or more device configuration settings' that may be 'configured via a user interface over a network connection, wherein the network connection includes an Internet connection.'

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning the present response or the application in general.

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